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HIGHLIGHTS

The 7 September session featured the speeches of 12 nations, including Czechoslovakia. Significantly, the four Asian nations that spoke all strongly supported the US-UK draft treaty.

The 8 September session is scheduled to hear speeches by 21 nations, including Poland.

DEVELOPMENTS AT SAN FRANCISCO

1. At the 7 September meeting, Czechoslovakia naturally supported the USSR. Some significance may be attached to the strong support given the US-UK draft treaty by Pakistan, Ceylon, Laos and Cambodia, the only four Asian nations to mount the rostrum during this session. France also came out strongly in support. The Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Egypt, Belgium and El Salvador, while supporting the draft, expressed criticisms which reflected national views.

2. The US delegation, in commenting on the attitude of the Soviet delegation at the first plenary session of the conference on 5 September believes that Gromyko was either caught off balance by the speed of developments or clearly was not trying to make a major and determined fight. Pointing out that an experienced and clever parliamentarian such as Gromyko could have caused more difficulty, and noting that his language was considerably more moderate than usual, the delegation raised the question whether the USSR may not wish the conference to end quickly in accordance with a timetable for events elsewhere. The signing of the treaty might serve as a pretext for Communist action such as the resumption of a major offensive in Korea. The UK delegation was reportedly split over whether to take an optimistic or pessimistic view of Gromyko's tactics.

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OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. After having been advised that the announced Brazilian reservations in the treaty draft might establish a precedent that would wreck the conference, the Brazilian Government indicated to the US that it would sign the treaty without reservations. San Salvador is also being approached to cancel its announced reservations.

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